

Upper Kuskokwim language

The **Upper Kuskokwim** language (also called **Kolchan** or **Goltsan** or **Dinak'i**) is an Athabaskan language of the Na-Dené language family. It is spoken by the Upper Kuskokwim people in the Upper Kuskokwim River villages of Nikolai, Telida, and McGrath, Alaska. About 40 of a total of 160 Upper Kuskokwim people (Dichinanek' Hwt'ana) still speak the language.

A practical orthography of the language was established by Raymond Collins, who in 1964 began linguistic work at Nikolai.

Since 1990s, the language has also been documented by a Russian linguist Andrej Kibrik^{[4][5]}.

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Links

- Upper Kuskokwim Language and Culture Preservation (<http://ukpreservation.com/>) (website in development)
- Dinak'i | Upper Kuskokwim Dictionary (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dinaki-upper-kuskokwim-dictionary/id733068863?mt=8>) iOS app

Upper Kuskokwim	
 Dinak' i	
Native to	United States
Region	Alaska (middle Yukon River, Koyukuk River)
Ethnicity	160 Upper Kuskokwim (2007) ^[1]
Native speakers	40 (2007) ^[1]
Language family	Dené–Yeniseian? - Na-Dené - Athabaskan - Northern Athabaskan Upper Kuskokwim
Writing system	Latin (Northern Athabaskan alphabet)
Official status	
Official language in	 Alaska ^[2]
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kuu
Glottolog	uppe1438 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/uppe1438) ^[3]

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